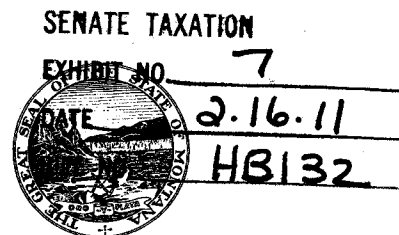




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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Taxation Committee
From: Alan Peura, Deputy Director
Date: February 15, 2011
Subject: Senator Wittich Question on HB 132

At the hearing on Thursday, February 10th for the above referenced bill, Senator Wittich, responding to a concern raised by the Montana Association of Treasurer's (Ronda Wiggers) asked if the department would still be able to provide county treasurer's with the specific information that they would need to be able to complete accurate tax bills for Special Improvement Districts (SID's).

After reviewing the business process with our Property Assessment Division and our Information Technology staff, the answer to that question is **yes, even with the combined assessment notice reporting under HB132 (Page 1, Lines 23-26) the department will be able to provide the calculated improvement value to the county treasurers to meet their needs in billing their SID's and will do so.**

Therefore, there would be no need to amend HB132 as the department will be able to continue to provide the required data to county treasurers.

Please note that this section of HB132 is intended to solve the unintended "mitigation mathematics" result that had a significant negative impact in Butte-Silverbow and to a lesser degree in other areas where the income method of commercial valuation is used, which is the preferred method for valuing commercial property.

Cc: Rep. Hoven, HB132 sponsor
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